

**REMARKS**

In the subject Office Action, the Examiner (i) reiterated the previous rejections based upon insufficient disclosure, and (ii) indicated that claims 1-8 present allowable subject matter, should the concerns regarding the disclosure be overcome.

In the first instance, Applicant gratefully acknowledges the conditional recognition of allowable subject matter. In the second instance, Applicant hopes that it now better understands the Examiner's concerns and that those concerns are assuaged herein.

In terms of background, grinding wheels of the type shown in the present application have been used for years. Use thereof was, however, solely at off-site facilities, *i.e.*, the slitter was removed from the paper-cutting machine and transported to a remote sharpening facility. There, the slitter was mounted on a shaft, and the grinding wheel was positioned as now shown in FIGURE 1b.

Both the grinding wheel and slitter were then rotated to effect sharpening. The grinding wheel was not moved about, or with reference to, the slitter during sharpening. Rather, both were simultaneously driven or spun. As a result, the essentially stationary, but rotating grinding wheel engaged the entire periphery of the essentially stationary, rotating slitter. Off-site positioning of the grinding wheel (with respect to the slitter) was achieved by mechanisms not functionally distinct from those shown in the present application.

Applicant's contribution is efficient and economical on-site sharpening.

Against this background, Applicant has, again, examined the specification for

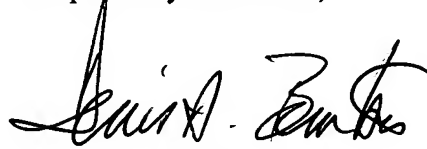
completeness, and it is respectfully submitted that the asserted Section 112 rejections have been successfully traversed. Additionally, no further amendment of the drawings is required.

It appears that the Examiner recognized, all along, that the specification set forth and described the mechanism for three-dimensional movement of the grinding wheel. The foregoing background hopefully clarifies any confusion regarding the actual sharpening process.

Applicant has also amended the specification and, more particularly, the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 22. This amendment adds no new matter and is in accordance with that proposed by the Examiner in the first Office Action (at p. 3 thereof).

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance. Prompt, favorable action, expressly including acceptance of drawing sheets 1-6 (submitted with Applicant's prior response), is therefore earnestly solicited.

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